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"NATIONAL TIMES" BAN LIFTED

The ban on publication of the "National Times," suspended for a month by Government a fortnight ago, was lifted yesterday.

The paper is to appear on the streets again as from this morning.

A brief official statement on the lifting of the ban, issued last evening, stated:

"The Governor in Council has decided to curtail the period of suspension of the "National Times" as a result of explanations and assurances given by that newspaper.

"The newspaper has undertaken to publish an assurance to the effect that there was no intention on its part to invite its readers to disregard the laws of Hong Kong or take direct action in defiance of those laws."

The "National Times" was suspended for a month on June 8 for the publication of a leading article which the Governor-in-Council felt was likely to mislead the public regarding the arrangements being made for the surrender to China of collaborators in the Colony and which article, it was felt, was "calculated to bring law and order into contempt."

The publisher of the "National Times" went to Nanking to report to the Chinese Government and various public bodies in China took the issue up. This culminated in the arrival of a 6-man delegation from Canton, representing 60 public bodies and including the Chamber of Commerce, to express their sympathy with the paper.

On Thursday, the Colonial Secretary placed an official statement before the Legislative Council, stating that the leading article in question urged the paper's readers "in plain words to capture alive a local editor and to smash his newspaper to pieces."

Condemned Terrorists In High Spirits

Jerusalem, June 22.

Two young Jewish gunmen, 19-year-old Jousef Sinkhon and 24-year-old Itzha Michael Azbel, under sentence of death in Jerusalem Central Prison were stated to be in "high spirits" after learning of the Jewish terrorists' desperate bid to save their lives by kidnapping five British officers as hostages.

The two men were condemned to death by a military court on June 13 for their part in an arms raid in March this year by Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Jewish terrorist organisation, on Sarafand Camp, the biggest British garrison in Palestine.

Warders said today that the condemned men, who received word of the kidnapping through the prisoners' "grapevine," showed no trace of nervousness and seemed indifferent whether they were reprieved or not.

ROMANCE IN THE R.A.F.

Mansfield, June 22.

An Earl's grandson is to marry a labourer's daughter—the girl who nursed him after an aircraft crash when he was in the R.A.F. The girl is Miss Dorothy Swallow, 21, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swallow of Mansfield, and her fiancé is the Hon. John Ryder, the youngest son of Viscount and Viscountess Sandon of Sandon Hall, Staffordshire.

In the R.A.F. John was just Warant Officer Ryder. When he proposed Dorothy did not know the man who accepted was the son of a Viscount and grandson of the Earl of Harrowby.

"Dorothy is a very nice girl, and we are delighted," Viscountess Sandon said. The girl's father said: "John is a grand boy." The marriage is to take place at Mansfield on July 24.—Reuter.

STRUGGLE WITH GUNMEN Crown Counsel's Narrow Escape Shot In Right Shoulder

A timely shout of warning by his companion, and a sudden movement of his body to the left, saved the life of Mr. R. S. Smith, Acting Crown Counsel, when he was attacked by two armed robbers in Customs Pass at about 7.30 on Friday evening.

Mr. Smith and a companion had gone for a drive in his car to Customs Pass and at the top of the fork road near Kai Tak alighted to view the scenery. At the

Calcutta Mobs Burn Army Trucks

Calcutta, June 22.

At least two military lorries, said to have been British, were reported by police to have been burned here today in connection with demonstrations protesting the arrest of Pandit Nehru in Kashmir.

Police who are standing by in the event of trouble, said none was injured. Armed civilian police also are patrolling the streets.

The mob had attempted to set fire to other vehicles near the intersections of Hazra and Russia roads, one of the main thoroughfares.

In the November and February disturbances, police dispersed the crowd before any damage was done.

Tram and bus services remain at a complete standstill, while hundreds of persons failed to report for work in the offices of business houses. — Associated Press.

Alarmist Belgrade Rumours

Belgrade, June 22.

The Belgrade press yesterday published front-page stories of concentrations of British and American troops on the demarcation line in disputed Venezia Giulia, and alleged "in the Anglo-American units there are large numbers of Chetniks and Ustashi dressed in American uniforms."

An official Tanjug agency report said "Incidents in Trieste which were provoked by Fascist groups and the civil police have been inaccurately characterized in one part of the foreign press as clashes between Slovenes and Italians and connected with the concentration of Yugoslav troops and the alleged intention of Yugoslavia to attack the allies in Trieste."

In connection with this, the Tanjug agency learned from Trieste on June 18 that in recent days large columns of tanks, guns and trucks had been noticed near Trieste and Gorizia.

In London a War Office spokesman, denied knowledge of any Anglo-American troop concentrations in Venezia Giulia.

Similarly, a spokesman for the Admiralty, asked about Belgrade stories that three British warships had arrived in Trieste harbour, said he knew of no recent or "abnormal" fleet activity.

The Admiralty press officer said a few ships of the British Mediterranean Fleet had been in Trieste harbour for some time. — Associated Press.

EXPLOSION

Dallas, Texas, June 22. Seven are known dead and 41 injured, after an explosion at the Baker Hotel rocked midtown Dallas shortly before noon.

The explosion occurred in the basement just under the hotel's coffee shop and kitchen. The explosion it was believed, was caused by an exploding boiler and ammonia gas from shattered pipes in the air-conditioning and refrigeration.

Scenes were overcast by the fumes. — Associated Press.

WOMAN'S NAKED BODY FOUND

London, June 22.

Scotland Yard are investigating the death of Mrs. Margery Gardner, a 33-year-old film extra, whose naked and bound body was found in the bedroom of an hotel at Notting Hill Gate, London.

The police today appealed for the driver of a taxi to come forward. The taxi picked up the woman and a man near South Kensington station after 11 p.m. on Thursday or early yesterday, and drove them to the hotel. The murder was discovered when the hotel managers knocked on Mrs. Gardner's door and got no response.

The body was tied around the thighs and the room was in disorder, suggesting that the woman had put up a desperate struggle against her assailant. — Reuter.

Russia Out-Voted On UNO Council

New York, June 22.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council yesterday voted 12 to five against a Soviet attempt to give the World Federation of Trade Unions a voice in the Council's deliberations.

The Ukraine, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Peru voted with the Soviet Union, France abstained.

The British delegate, Mr. Hector MacNeill, parliamentary under-secretary to the Foreign Office, opposed the Russian proposal and a proposal by the French delegate M. Parodi.

M. Parodi had agreed with the spirit of the Russian suggestion but offered an amendment making consultation more elastic.

The United States delegate Mr. John C. Winant said if the Russian move were accepted the council would give to a non-governmental group, greater representation on the council than that of a member of the United Nations, who did not have seats on the council.

Mr. Winant proposed that the International Chamber of Commerce at present meeting in Paris should be given the same consultation rights as the World Federation of Trade Unions.

The Russian and the Ukrainian delegates objected however, and Mr. Winant withdrew his proposal with the stipulation that it should be placed at the top of the list of organisations submitted to the council's standing committee on non-governmental organisations.

The committee will "screen" organisations desiring consultative relations with the council and decide the basis of the consultations. — Associated Press.

Ship-owners' delegates, who held the floor during most of yesterday's session, insisted that the establishment of an international minimum wage was a matter involving the advice of a monetary expert and challenged the workers' move that their proposals could be carried out. — Reuter.

Seattle, June 22. Syed Rashid Zaman, Government delegate and joint secretary to the Commerce Department of India, declared in yesterday's session of the Wages, Hours and Manning Committee of the International Labour Office, Maritime conference that the wages of seamen should be fixed on an international level, with no differential in respect of a man's country.

"It is manifestly unfair that two men on the same ship who do the same work should be paid differently because the scale of wages differs in their home countries," he said. "I do not see why an employer should be concerned with what men in other countries get, so long as one works equally as well as the other."

"If no maritime wage is authorized there will be a return to the same cut-throat competition by countries employing sweated labour which will bring evils with which we are too familiar. We want a wage which will not press too hard on the employer or be too low to ensure the ordinary decency of life for the employee."

Zaman said this in a reply to the committee. — Associated Press.

'A Star Of Hope Has Risen'

Paris, June 22.

The Soviet spokesman joined those who are prophesying here that a 21-nation peace conference may be called soon, as a result of the speed with which the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers are reaching agreement on one thorny problem after another.

The Soviet spokesman gave August 1 as the date on which the peace conference might be called, even if this meant a postponement of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation in September.

Most conference observers here agree that yesterday's decision to shelve the question of Italian colonies for one year was a major landmark.

The French Foreign Minister (and newly-elected head of state), M. Georges Bidault, said this morning, "A star of hope has risen in the conference sky."

The British and American delegates undignifiedly took a cheerful view, and the Soviet delegation shared this outlook.

The Soviet spokesman said his country's delegation had come to the Paris conference determined to make the talks a success and fix the date for the peace conference, adding that the delegation has a definite feeling that things are going well.

This afternoon's session, again held in semi-secret, was expected to discuss Trieste.

While the "Big Four" were discussing the future of Trieste, the Yugoslav authorities issued an official statement today declaring that Allied tanks were moving towards the port, five British warships have berthed in the harbour and that Allied troops were massing on the demarcation line. — Reuter.

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VANCOUVER CHINATOWN RAIDED

Vancouver, June 22.

Chinese armed with meat cleavers fought city, Federal and Royal Canadian mounted police officers yesterday in a raid on an alley in Vancouver's Chinatown, which was climaxed by the discovery and capture of a fabulous pile of loot.

A mounted police inspector said that the raid was carried out to investigate the operations of a gang of smugglers, lottery operators and narcotics dealers.

Five Chinese were arrested, but the sixth, believed to be the key man, escaped. After 16 officers had over-powered four men with cleavers guarding the doorway, they seized Can \$47,000, U.S. \$1,200 in gold coins, several pounds of narcotics, lottery tickets, Oriental jewellery, jade and diamonds of unestimated value.

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Better Pay For Civil Service

London, June 22.

Under a superannuation bill given the second reading in the House of Commons, ex-Servicemen to the Civil Service will be able to reckon part of the time spent with the Forces for superannuation purposes.

"Civil volunteers"—those who joined the Forces without permission—will be fully reinstated for superannuation and gratuity.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, described the bill as "a modest instalment" towards achieving government's aim of better pay and conditions for the Civil Service. — Reuter.

TYPHOON MOVES AWAY

The typhoon which has been approaching Hong Kong during the past few days has now altered its direction and it is no longer expected to affect the Colony.

At one time, it was thought that winds of gale force would be felt locally over the weekend, but a Fleet P.R.O. bulletin yesterday afternoon said that the "disturbance" is moving north-north-east in a position north-east of Formosa at a speed of 15 knots.

Just before going to press, the Royal Observatory reported that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the south-east of Japan and is low over China generally; a shallow depression covers Hokkaido. The typhoon is situated 120 miles east of North Formosa, moving northwards; intensity—moderate to severe.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast:—Moderate westerly winds, becoming south-westerly later. Fine at first, clouds increasing later.

Yesterday's weather:—Maximum:—89 deg. at 3 p.m. Minimum:—81 deg. at 7 a.m. Max. Rel. Humidity:—91 per cent. at 6 a.m. Sunshine:—12 hours.

Deadlock In Allied Control Of Berlin

Berlin, June 22.

General Joseph T. McNarney, American European theatre commander, told a press conference here yesterday that the issue of appointing a four-power commission to investigate the status of German disarmament in all four zones of occupation had been referred to the governments of the occupying powers because of an apparently insoluble deadlock in the allied control authority here.

The proposal for this investigation was made several weeks ago by the Americans and it was understood to have been blocked by the Russians because it contained a provision that the economic sphere of disarmament also had to be investigated.

Now the issue is handed up to the foreign ministers' level. McNarney said the occupation authorities looked to the Paris foreign ministers' conference also to try to solve the stale-mated issue of recognising Germany as an economic entity.

But he added that if this deadlock remains unbroken, the Americans "have a plan" for future administration of their zone. He did not disclose this plan.

The commander said that the food situation in the American zone had improved sufficiently to raise the caloric intake for the normal consumer from 1,180 calories daily to 1,225, beginning June 25. He said imports of 150,000 tons of food were expected from America to the U.S. zone during June but added that this would have to be boosted to 160,000 tons monthly to restore the old ration of 1550 calories. — Associated Press.

CINEMAS TO STRIKE TODAY?

Hopes for an amicable settlement of the dispute between the theatre-owners and their projection-room staff were dashed yesterday when following a full meeting of the 32 theatres in the afternoon the decision to reject the men's demand was carried by a two-thirds majority.

The projection-room operators asked for \$84 a month rehabilitation allowance. An ultimatum was presented on Thursday setting the deadline at 3 p.m. today for its acceptance or the men would walk out.

Since the delivery of the ultimatum the theatre owners have offered to pay the men the allowance demanded provided basic wages were revised and divided into three grades of \$60, \$70 and \$80 a month, respectively. This was flatly rejected by the men on the ground it was no more than making a cut from existing wages in order to provide for the payment of the allowance.

The men announced yesterday afternoon that there would be no extension of the deadline, but an attempt to head off the threatened strike may be made this morning by the larger theatres which would be the hardest hit if compelled to close down.

Rome, June 22. The Pope today received in private audience the Apostolic nuncio of Finland, Monsignor William Corben. Mr. Corben gave the Pope a comprehensive report of Catholic activities in Finland. — Associated Press.

Beirut, June 22. The Lebanese Home Minister, Sneh Bey Salameh, disclosed here today that some Jewish terrorists have infiltrated into Lebanon in the last few days and "measures" he said, "have been taken to arrest them." — Reuter.

Jerusalem, June 22. Meshe Sherlok, head of the Jewish Agency political department, appealed today for the immediate release of the five kidnapped British officers, which he termed "lunacy." — Associated Press.

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

The decision to lift the suspension of the "National Times" comes a little odd after the forthright statement in Legislative Council on Thursday, setting the case in its proper perspective. Not that Government cannot afford to be magnanimous. The transgression was a serious one. In fact, it is difficult to imagine a more dangerously inflammatory article. The much-vaunted freedom of the press, for which we are prepared to fight as determinedly as any, and as bitterly if the necessity should ever arise, does not entitle any newspaper to assume that it has the licence of the liberty to indulge in extremes of scurrility or, as in this case, violence. Responsible Journalism can no more condone such offences than can those whose direct task it is to preserve respect for law and order. However, it can fairly be argued that the demand for retribution has already been satisfied. The suspension of the paper has been operative for a fortnight, quite long enough to drive the lesson home, and, on the assumption that the "National Times" will make it clear to its readers that the bounds were exceeded, permission to recommence publication is wisely given. In general, we must express our sharp dislike of the exercise of the arbitrary power of suspension, and the employment of emergency regulations, when any other course is open. Suspension of a newspaper is a step more than drastic. It cuts across certain fundamental principles and while, in time of war or the menace of war, these may have to give way to the exigencies of the crisis, only in the rarest cases can suspension be justified in more normal times. It is not as though Government has no other effective means of redress. The Printers and Publishers Ordinance holds publisher, printer and editor jointly and criminally responsible for any illegal matter that may appear in any edition, and renders them liable to imprisonment up to six months. That, it seems to us, is the more appropriate line of approach to the curbing of journalistic juvenility.

FRENCH POLITICS

Under the interim Constitution still in force in France M. Gouin was bound to offer his resignation to the new Constituent Assembly which is still awaiting the formation of a Cabinet. The Socialists, though the weakest of the "Big Three" parties, held the key-positions of Premier, Minister of Finance and Minister of the Interior in the tripartite Cabinet which has just resigned. It is to this fact that they attribute the party's losses at the election since the Socialists carried the main burden of the Government's unpopularity. In a new Cabinet the Socialists are willing to hold office, but not to resume the key-positions. These should naturally go to M. Bidault's party, the moderate Catholic Mouvement Republicain Populaire, who emerged from the polls as the strongest single group. Largely because of the difficulty of fitting Communists into a Cabinet under Popular Republic leadership, but also because M. Bidault is unwilling to relinquish the Quai d'Orsay, the M.R.P. has shown some reluctance to spring into the breach, but is finally decided to let M. Bidault's name go forward and the Assembly elected him as the new Premier on Thursday. What line the Communists will finally take is still uncertain, but it seems improbable that they will withhold their co-operation. Unfortunately, the Constitution is unlikely to be the first pre-occupation of the new Government. The main problem at the moment is economic and financial. The French Labour Federation has just pointed out that the cost of living has gone up by 65 to 70 per cent. in the past year,

"I Had Imagined a Picture of Pain, Struggling Anguish of Mind and Grief, But All These Ideas Piled Up In a Wreckage of Nonsense"

I WILL FEAR NO EVIL

It has been my fortunate experience—at least for the purpose of this article—to have died twice in the last three years. Until that time I had thought little of death, never having had a serious illness to make me ponder over its possibilities. First let me explain, that I never met these eventualities armed with any strong religious belief. Yes, I believed there was life after death, but was not sure if this faith was born of Christian conviction, or personal egoism in thinking one so important as I couldn't possibly end in the grave. But deep spiritual faith I lacked. I mention these facts to show my approach to these matters, not to advertise my short-comings. I believe my outlook on these things was about that of the average man. Unfortunately we have no modern evidence of life after death, no answer to the problem and consequently no substitute for study on this subject. This article will not throw much light on this great riddle, but I can say there is nothing to fear in death.

Leading The Line

It had been a beautiful day, the sea was calm and the sky blue and cloudless. The convoy in which I was travelling moved along in four long lines and each ship was "keeping stations" perfectly—my ship was leading the second line. We were sailing in reasonably safe waters, gone was that feeling of tension and expectancy which marked the earlier stages of our voyage. At 4.45 I went on deck for some fresh air and noticed that all the ships had their flags at half-mast! That of course signified that someone was being buried. I stood there for a moment and thought of the unfortunate fellow, who had so recently left home, only to find his grave in the lonely South Atlantic. A little later I went below. When I reached the mess, I mentioned this burial to a friend sitting next to me. Hardly had I mentioned the words, when there was a terrific crash. Crackery and furniture was hurled in every direction, the deck heaved under me and the ship shivered in every rivet. To add to the general confusion, all the lights went out and we were left in total darkness. Miraculously nothing hit me and before I realized what had happened, I was rushing in a panic towards the hatchway leading to the upper deck.

I would like to digress for a moment and say a little about this panic. It is the one thing that has to be mastered. The law of self-preservation can often lead one entirely wrong; it is a blined instinct leading nowhere, rather than an escape to safety.

Lost Bearings

In a few moments I had regained my composure, only to find that in my mad unthinking dash, I had completely lost my bearings. Gropping in the darkness, I was still convinced that I could get out. However, as time went on this conviction began to waver and for a moment I felt real fear approaching. I quickly conquered that feeling and sat down to consider my position. Everything was quiet and I felt a deep sense of solitude. There was no sign of

and demanded (with the support of the Communist party) a 25 per cent. rise in wages, salaries and pensions and the opening of wage negotiations between employers and employees. The Communist Ministers of Labour and Production in the late Government had hitherto upheld a "freezing" policy on wages, but it is now claimed that increased production, coupled with M. Blum's successful negotiations for credits and goods from the United States, justifies more liberality, though the Ministry of Finance has let it be known that a rise of more than 12 per cent. will endanger the franc and cause a leap in prices. The M.R.P., as the party most likely to undertake leading responsibilities, has been forced to announce its economic programme. This includes limited rises in wages and family allowances for the worst-paid classes. It remains to be seen whether this will satisfy the Communists and Socialists.

life whatsoever and I was just staring into impenetrable darkness. I felt the water rising around my ankles and I tried to move but couldn't, my legs wouldn't support me; so I waited for death. All fright had disappeared and I was as calm as I am at this moment. I thought of home and an overpowering wave of sympathy swept over me for my wife and child. I wondered how they would fare without me and imagined their grief when they heard that I was lost. I gave no thought at all to my own fate, neither did I have any supernatural evidence of my impending state. I felt drowsy and comfortable, as consciousness and semi-consciousness were merging into one; like the twilight of the peaceful day it had been. The last thought that I remembered was: Goodbye everyone: Nan, (my nick name) your grave is the South Atlantic.

I regained my senses about three hours later, having been rescued from the damaged part of the ship and taken to the sickbay. Coming back to life was much harder and more unpleasant than dying.

All that I have described happened in about ten minutes. So I was told; I had been passed by the fumes from the empty oil fuel tanks, which had burst beneath me.

About six months after this incident, I had my second "death". It was about 11.30 p.m. and apart from the watch on deck most of the ship's company was asleep. Suddenly below me, I heard a dull thud, the ship shuddered and then came to a standstill; at the same time listening at an alarming angle. I knew by the position we were sailing at that time, it could be nothing else but a torpedo that had hit us. Again I felt that being forearmed, I met it squarely and defeated it before I became a victim of its uncontrollable actions.

I will not describe the encounter in detail, apart from saying, that one after another of these deadly missiles struck us, and it became evident that we should have to abandon ship. The sea was choppy and the night cold, but as I entered the water, I had no other sensation than one of uncomfortable chill. At this point

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NANCARROW

the business of living was upmost in my mind. Remembering tales about the suction of a sinking vessel, I swam away, but found that I could make little headway against the sea. Indeed, at one time I was almost drawn into one of the holes in the ship's bottom. This black and jagged cavern was now exposed, as the ship heeled farther and farther on to her side. After drifting around for awhile, I came to a Carley float. It was already overloaded, but I managed to hang on to the side and it afforded a little support. Here I began to consider my position and now best I could be rescued. After about half an hour (time is difficult to judge under such circumstances) I saw the dim outline of a ship. I left the raft and swam towards this vessel. Judge my disappointment when about two hundred yards away from her, she too was torpedoed. This I count as one of the most bitter experiences of my life, to be so near safety and all that it meant, only to see my hopes literally explode before my eyes.

Waist Deep

Subsequently I found another raft, and although it was crowded, I managed to clamber on. This wasn't much help because of the heavy load we were all sitting waist deep in water. The keen night air made me shiver horribly, my teeth were clattering and to make matters worse, the oil fuel that I had swallowed began to make me vomit. Hours went by, during that time one after another of my comrades were washed off the raft and lost in the darkness. Seas were breaking over us and it was only by clinging on tightly, that any of us remained afloat. I felt that I would never survive the night, and was convinced that it was only a matter of time before I

was swept away into the sea. I said a prayer; not with any particular earnestness, some how that didn't seem necessary. Ashore, where so many tragedies were happening, I felt God might miss a few, unless his attention was called to them. Here it was different, he couldn't miss us. As I looked up into the sky, the stars which appeared so friendly under normal circumstances, were now cold, impassive and disinterested spectators of my plight. A few minutes after praying I would curse vehemently at the swine who had torpedoed us.

No Remorse

I waited for the "ghostly procession" of my misdeeds to walk by. I even invited them, but felt no remorse. On the other hand, I was sorry to think that some of my more pleasant sins were gone for ever and I would not be able to commit them again. One thought was persistent: hitherto I had always sat in the theatre watching the play, but now I was on the stage and one of the actors. I visualized all the details of the drama, the telegram arriving at my home saying I was missing, presumed drowned my wife running to tell my mother the bad news, and I thought what I would do if I were in her place.

The sea had been steadily getting rougher and the raft was lurching at crazy angles. I was clinging to a shipmate I don't know who, as in the darkness and all of us being covered in oil fuel, it was impossible to recognise anyone. He suddenly broke away from me and simply said, "I've had enough," with that he was gone. Although there were others on the raft, when he left me I felt extremely lonely and a gentle melancholy. There was I, a little speck of humanity, clinging to a raft in a black, turbulent, ominous and unimaginably vast ocean, yet I experienced no fear. The moment that I had always imagined to be fraught with terrors and despair, proved to be quite the opposite. I was simply very tired and longed for sleep.

Slid Away

Some time later a big sea swept over me and I felt myself slipping. I didn't try to hang on, but just slid away into the water. The sensation was very pleasant, the sea seemed to caress me as I sank away into its bosom. I felt a buzzing in my ears, but my only thought was, sleep, at last I can sleep. How long I remained unconscious I don't know, but I found myself lying across the raft and being held by someone. I felt peevish and resentful as a child being awakened from a sleep and sorry to think I had awoke to such an uncomfortable world. Shortly after the dawn broke and later, guided by an aeroplane, a ship was directed to us.

It is plain from what I have written, that dying isn't a pleasant experience, but I re-

BY THE WAY

By Beachcomber

While you are reading these words I am far away across the raging main.

Prognose: Might one inquire where you are?

Myself: One might, but one would get no reply. Or do you imagine I shall write to my deputy, asking him to be obliging enough to insert a special message for you in the column? It is only your incurable inquisitiveness. Last time I went away I said I had gone to Nicaragua as Portuguese Ambassador, and you did not believe me.

Dr. Rhubarb's Corner

C. F. writes: My husband keeps on telling me that I oughtn't to go about with a mackerel on my shoulder. I thought this was a joke of his at first, as, of course, I never have a mackerel on my shoulder. But I realise now that he is serious. What can I do?

Dr. Rhubarb says: Put a mackerel on your shoulder and take it off when he tells you to. C. F. writes: I put the mackerel on my shoulder, but he said nothing, and I had to keep it there. We went to tea, and my aunt said, "Gladly, why don't you take that mackerel off your shoulder?" My husband stared up and said, "Don't be idiotic. Aunt Lucy, there's no mackerel on her shoulder." Well, of course, there was. What shall I do?

Dr. Rhubarb says: Leave the mackerel where it is, for the sake of peace and quiet in the home.

C. F. writes: I kept the mackerel there for two days, and once, when I was feeding it, my husband said, "That's a nice mackerel you've got on your shoulder, Connie." I was flabbergasted. He apparently knows I'm going about like this. So I took it off my shoulder and hid it, and he kept on saying, "Connie, there's no mackerel on your shoulder." Oh, what shall I do?

Dr. Rhubarb says: It doesn't really seem to matter much what you do. You will soon be as crazy as he is.

Here are the figures, brought up to date. They will be resumed on my return.

Part	Whole	Neither	Remarks
69	38	9	Oh.
18	7	210	Surely not.
51	3	6	Tck, tck.
2	0	0	So what?
41	48	41	Hum!
63	2	2	Obviously.
118	104	14	None.

Compliments Of The Season

The angler removed his tasteful hat
And bowed, as the salmon drew near.
Then the age-old greeting fell from his lips:
"I wish you a happy new year."

pent there is nothing in it to fear. I am convinced that one reaches a point where it is far easier to die than to live, and that state of mind is absolutely free from fear or anguish. Perhaps the senses are dulled, that may be. But what ever the cause a feeling of comfort and even security was felt by me on both occasions, just before the end.

I shall never fear death again. I had imagined a picture of pain, struggling, anguish of mind and grief, but all these ideas piled up in a wreckage of nonsense. As to my religious beliefs now; sufficient for me to say that I can agree with the Psalmist in saying, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"No, no, Mr. Enderby! By identification I mean papers, letters perhaps... your social security card!"

CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday, 23rd June, 1946.

2nd Sunday After Pentecost.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
(Garden Road)

Holy Communion 7.15 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m. (Sung) Noon, and 7.30 p.m. Service for the Parish 10 a.m. Matins & Evensong at 11 a.m. Preacher, The Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Hongkong, Evensong & Sermon 6.30 p.m. Preacher, The Rev. Canon Copley Moyle, M.A. Daily Service at 7.30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday choir practice in the Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. Wednesday confirmation class at 5.30. Thursday, Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH
Kowloon.

8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.15 a.m. Matins, 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m. Evensong, Monday June 24th, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Saturday June 29th, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

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Sunday Service 11 a.m. Queen's Road. The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches today is: "The Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" The Golden Text: Proverbs 3:19, "The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens." Christian Science literature can be obtained or loaned after the service. All are welcome. New address: Holland House 6th Floor, Queen's Rd. Central.

SERVICES FOR I.L.M. FORCES

At St. Joseph's Church, Masses at 7.00 and 9.30 a.m. Sermon: "The Blessed Sacrament." Father Charles Daly, S.J. At The Catholic Centre, Holy Mass at 5.30 p.m. Weekdays. At the Catholic Centre, Holy Mass at 7.30 a.m. Monday, Monday Novena in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 5.30 p.m.—Rosary, Sermon, Prayers and Benediction. Wednesday and Thursday, Holy Mass at 5.30 p.m.

THE CATHEDRAL

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Celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Morning Services: At 6.00 Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 7.00 Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 High Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; at 10.00 Choral Mass (sermon in English); At 5.00 p.m. Vespers, Solemn Procession, Sermon and Benediction. Thursday, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour—High Mass at 7.30 a.m. Friday, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, At 7.30 a.m. High Mass and General Communion; At 5.00 p.m. Vespers, Procession, Sermon, Consecration of the Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction. Saturday, S.S. Peter and Paul, App. High Mass at 7.30 a.m. Weekdays, Masses at 6.00, 7.00 and 7.30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
(5, Garden Rd. Tel. 23992)

At 8.30 a.m. Choral Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction. Saturday, Confessions will be heard in the afternoon. Weekdays, Holy Mass at 8.00 a.m.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

(Happy Valley, Tel. 27807)
At 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 7.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 9.00 a.m. Choral Mass (sermon in English); At 4.00 p.m. Benediction, Catholic Action Meetings, Weekdays, Holy Mass at 7.00 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

(St. Louis Ind. School, Tel. 21226)
At 7.00 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.15 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese) and Benediction; at 9.30 a.m. Holy Mass, Weekdays, Masses at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

(Prince Edward Rd. Tel. 56217)
Morning Services: At 6.45 Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 Choral Mass (sermon in English) and Benediction; at 10.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in English). N.B. No Benediction in the afternoon as all the faithful are invited to attend the Corpus Christi Procession at the Cathedral, Tuesday, At 8.30 p.m. General Meeting of the Catholic Men's Association, June 27, 28, and 29. Solemn Triduum in preparation for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which will take place on Sunday, June 30, at 8.00 a.m. Mass. Parochial Associations are requested to attend the Triduum in a body, Friday, "The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus." High Mass at 7.30 a.m. Weekdays, Masses at 6.45 and 7.30 a.m.

ROBARY CHURCH

(20, Chatham Rd. Tel. 60002)
Morning Services: At 6.30 Choral Mass (sermon in Chinese);

NEW RED NAVY BUILDING

Difficult To Get Accurate News

Report Of 16-In. Gun Battleship

London, June 22.

Although it is reported here that the USSR is building a 16-inch gun battleship and is either building or has recently completed a 22,000-ton aircraft carrier, available information indicates that during the year since Germany's collapse the USSR has made little progress in the direction of commencing construction of a strong Red fleet, says the New York Times correspondent.

This objective has for 18 months been intermittently stressed by Soviet publications. Thus, for example, in February 1945 the "Literary Gazette" wrote: "Our Soviet state is solving the task of the creation of a powerful oceanic and naval fleet."

A. Zhurav wrote at the same time: "We will have a large fleet. Its creation is the deed of all our people." The newest edition of Jane's Fighting Ships, while noting "it is extremely difficult to secure accurate information regarding the Russian Navy," does give certain vague new information. It reports that U.S.S.R. naval engineers are building a battleship "Tretii International" with nine 16-inch guns, whose keel was laid down in 1939 at Denningrad, and conjectures that another capital ship of the same class may be building at the same Baltic port.

Aircraft Carrier

It furthermore says that the 22,000-ton aircraft carrier Krasnaya Znamya, with a capacity for 22 aircraft, is either on the verge of completion or was launched last year. It is interesting to note that none of these ships said to be under construction are mentioned in the second edition of the Red Navy handbook of world's published last year.

In 1942 Jane's reported that an aircraft carrier called, Vorskilov was building, but such information is presumably no longer considered accurate. Possibly another aircraft carrier once believed to have existed is actually the seaplane carrier Stalin, a 9,000-ton vessel presently believed to be in the Black Sea.

All of these ships believed to be building were started some years ago. There is no information available to Jane's regarding Soviet commencement of important new naval units during the past year. Thus the Soviet fleet is incomparably smaller than the navies of Britain and the United States, whose 1946 personnel, after sharp post-war paring, will be respectively about 492,800 and 550,000 officers and men. Jane's reports that the Red Fleet personnel is 23,600, but that "these figures have been largely increased."

12-inch Heaviest

According to Jane's, aside from 16-inch guns known to be mounted on the battleship Arkhangelsk, which was formerly Britain's Royal Sovereign, the heaviest present Soviet naval

at 7.30 Holy Mass (sermon in English and Chinese); at 8.30 a.m. Choral Mass (sermon in English) and Benediction; at 10.00 Holy Mass (sermon in English); At 2.15 p.m. Catechism classes and Benediction, Tuesday, At 6.00 p.m. Meeting of the C.Y.M.A. Thursday, At 4.00 p.m. Meeting of the Altar Boys, Friday, "The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus." At 7.30 a.m. Choral Mass, General Communion and Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart; At 6.00 p.m. Rosary, Consecration of the Parish to the Sacred Heart, Reception of new Promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer, Sermon and Solemn Benediction, Saturday, Today a Plenary Indulgence may be gained by Promoters of the Apostleship of Prayer. At 2.15 p.m. Catechism classes and Confessions for children.

MADRAS RIOTS

New Delhi, June 22.
A curfew was imposed to night in the industrial city of Madras in Madras, where two grainshop looters were shot dead after a police chase during disturbances arising out of a hartal (stoppage of work and closure of shops) in protest against the detention of Pandit Nehru in Kashmir. The police in the city used tear gas to disperse the crowds of Nehru supporters. In many other Indian cities and towns strikes in sympathy with Nehru passed off without incident.—Reuter.

Manchurian Destroyer

Jane's believes that they have "seized" one Manchurian destroyer and several gunboats. Moreover, Jane's believes that the U.S.S.R. has more than 100 submarines.

This picture of the present state of the Soviet fleet shows it to be extremely small in comparison with those of Britain and the United States and also in terms of the unprecedentedly powerful position of the U.S.S.R. This helps to explain why the U.S.S.R. is so anxious to obtain a good share of "surplus" vessels of the defeated Italian fleet. If the indicated lack of a large-scale naval construction programme desired by the U.S.S.R. is accurate in fact, it may be conjectured that man-made Soviet heavy industrial efforts are being devoted primarily to other fields, including rebuilding of destroyed fixed capital.—Reuter.

Too Much Mechanics In Education--Churchill

Bristol, June 22.

Britain's wartime Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking as Chancellor of Bristol University today, expressed concern that too much emphasis on technical and mechanical training in present-day educational systems would fall to fit young people to take their place as citizens of a free community.

The Mufti Hates Noone

Cairo, June 22.

Egyptian army forces with Bren guns and armoured cars are guarding five residences in Egypt in any one of which the Mufti of Jerusalem may stay until a permanent home is prepared for him. No unauthorized person is allowed near any of these places and it is possible that the Mufti may have already made use of more than one.

New details of the Mufti's interview with King Farouk and the reasons for coming to Egypt were given by the Arab weekly, "Al-Akhdar El Con," which has the largest circulation in the Middle East.

The paper said that the Mufti told King Farouk: "I did not work for any foreign country. I worked for the independence of Syria, Palestine, Lebanon and other Arab countries."

"I do not hate the British. I do not hate the Americans. I do not even hate the Jews."—Reuter.

AMNESTY FREES THOUSANDS

Rome, June 22.

The first act of the new republic has been the granting of a broad amnesty calculated to free thousands from Italian prisons. The council of ministers approved a complete amnesty for political prisoners convicted in Italian zones between the day of liberation on June 18, 1946. Anyone serving up to five years will be freed. Death sentences are commuted to life imprisonment

Factory Arms Dump Discovery

Kallia, Palestine, June 22.

A large cache of arms and ammunition and several smaller caches were found by military searchers today in the heart of a potash workers barracks at the Dead Sea town of Kallia.

The plant manager, Swerdlow, was detained and a director, Mr. A. Kamener, has been asked to report to Palestine military headquarters for questioning. Sixteen Jewish employees of the plant also were arrested.

A military announcement stated that the arms found included 19 rifles, seven sub-machineguns, one mortar, 20 ammunition magazines and "several thousand rounds of ammunition."

An army officer said that some of the arms were found in a steel box in a concrete walled subterranean chamber under a workshop with all the guns "well oiled and in magnificent condition."

Small quantities of arms were found in workers' private lockers inside the barracks, he added.

Earlier, Mr. Kamener had told correspondents "no arms were found in the plant itself, but only in the concession area."—Associated Press.

120 Hours Summing Up

Nuremberg, June 22.

The German defence counsel at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal advised the court today that they felt they would need 120 hours to sum up the defence of their 22 clients, including three hours for one who is not even there, Martin Bormann, Hitler's missing deputy.

Lord Justice Lawrence, president of the Tribunal, objected, saying that he had expected the defence counsel to split up about 14 days between them by arrangements.

The court did not indicate whether the longer time would be granted.

The prosecution is limiting itself to a three-day final summary, and this phase of the seven-month-long trial is expected to be reached early in August, after the cases against the Nazi organisations have been presented.

The court yesterday heard the end of the defence for Albert Speer, Hitler's armaments minister.

The defendant refused to admit that he "floated" occupied territories, but conceded that "I participated in the economic exploitation of the occupied countries."—Associated Press.

PRESIDENT ON ATOM CONTROL

Washington, June 21.

President Truman declared emphatically today that he favours civilian control of atomic energy. He told newsmen the atomic control measure approved by the Senate suited him exactly.

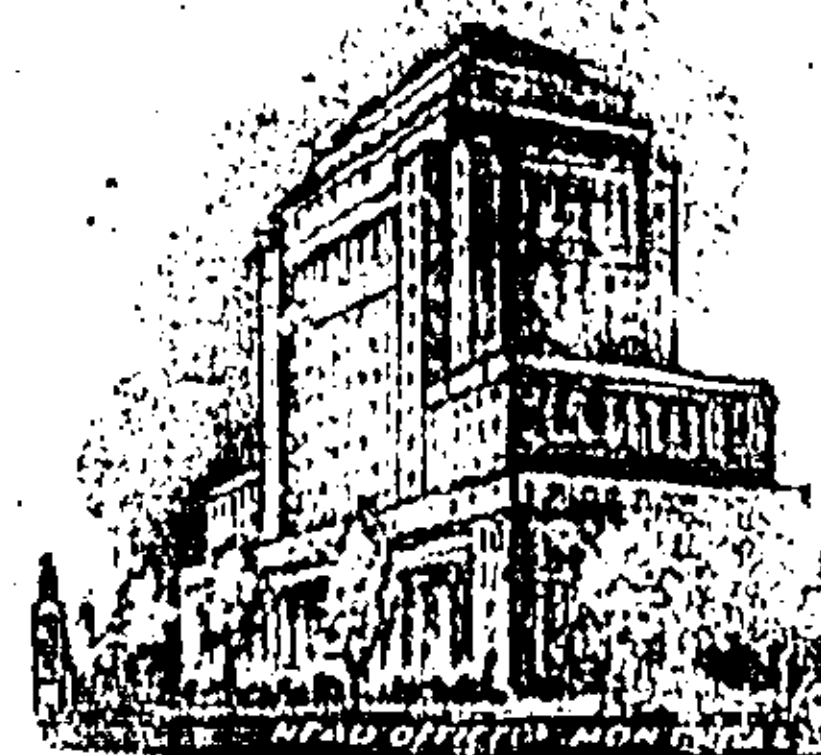
This was in reply to a question about a house committee amendment designed to add a military member to the proposed control commission.—Associated Press.

FIANCEE BILL

Washington, June 22.

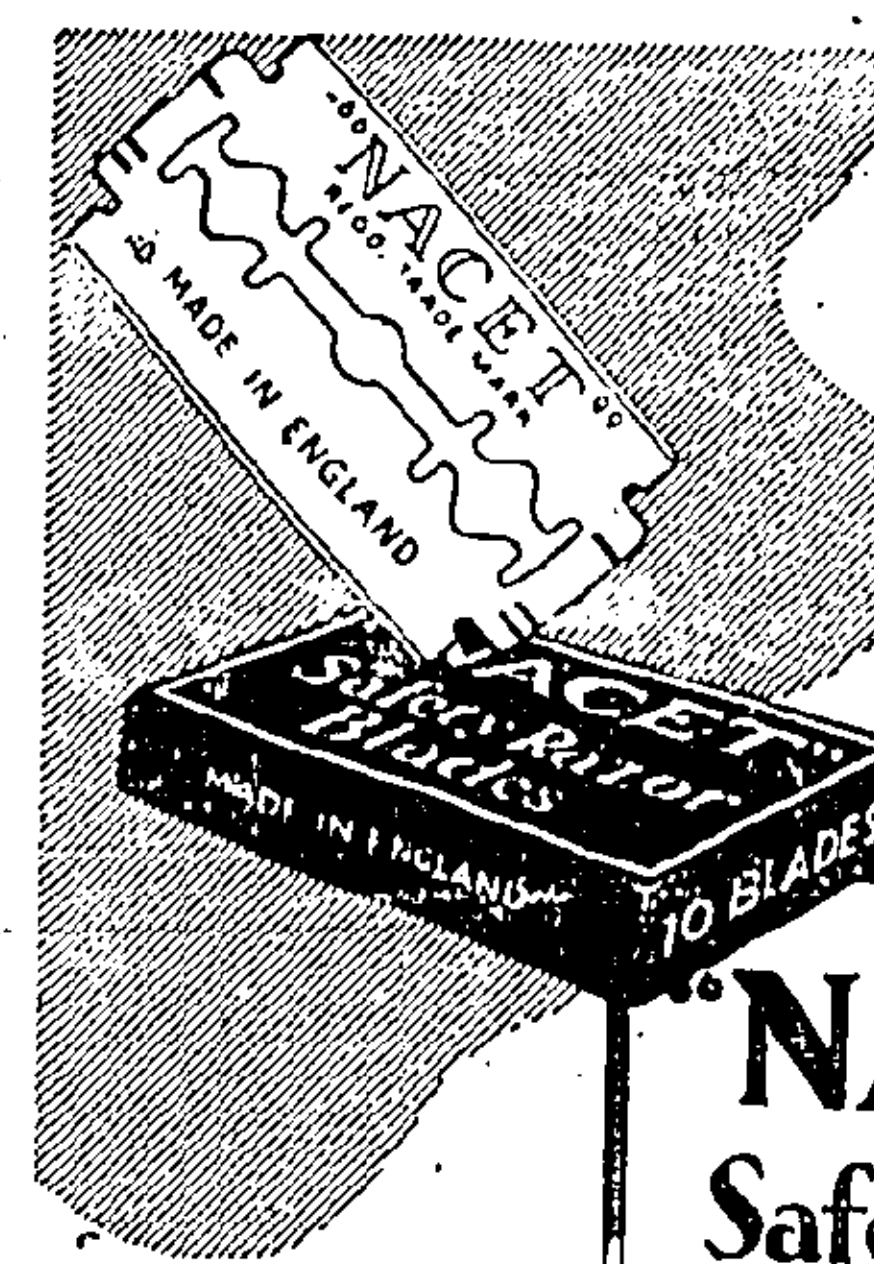
The House of Representatives today passed a bill enabling the foreign fiancés of American servicemen to enter the United States for three months. If still unmarried by the end of that time, they would be deported.

The Senate has already passed the bill. It is estimated that the bill will mean the entry of some 14,000 "soldiers' fiancées" into the United States.—Reuter.



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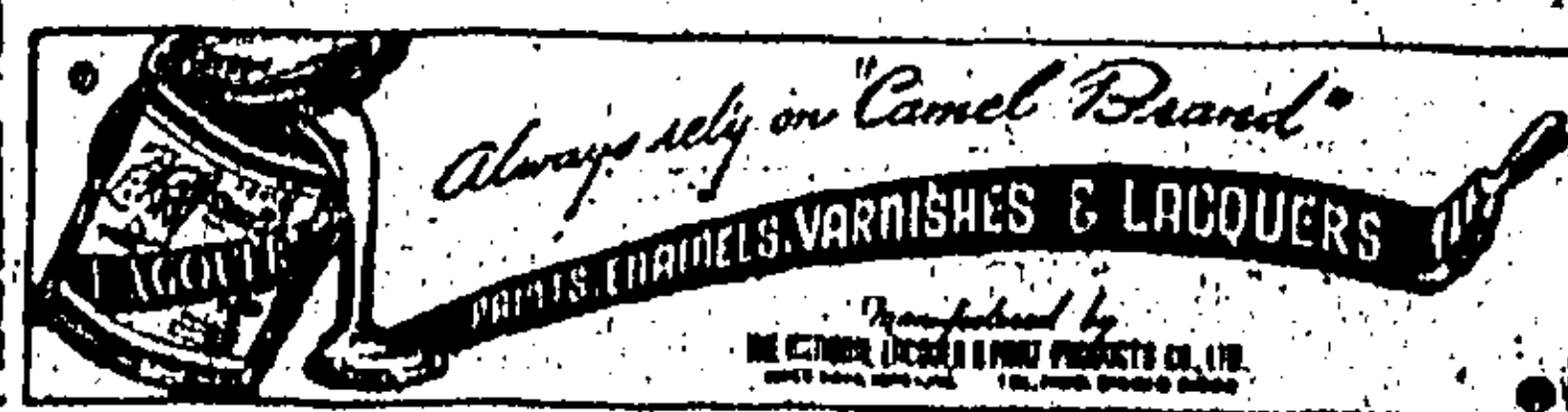
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



Off Again



BY EDGAR MARTIN



Shipping Service To Singapore

Shanghai, June 22. In view of the importance of the South Sea market, China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, the biggest concern of its kind in China and presently state-owned, is completing preparations to run a shipping service to Singapore.

It hopes to begin the service with four oil-burning vessels ordered from the United States. Meanwhile local shipping circles have lodged vigorous protests against the Chinese Government's decision to permit foreign vessels to call at the four inland ports of Shanghai, Wuhu, Kichang and Hankow.

They state that the present Chinese tonnage along the Yangtze is more than sufficient to cope with all demands, and that therefore there is no reason for the new Government step.

It is revealed that these are a present 150 Chinese-owned vessels of all types, aggregating 200,000 tons, plying on the Yangtze between Shanghai and Chungking. Up till a few weeks ago the majority of these ships were engaged on official missions, such as transporting Japanese repatriates and Government employees, but now all are engaged in commercial operations.—Reuter.

INK POURED ON NEW SUITS

Shanghai, June 22. Four men were arrested, nine others were wounded, and a strike staged by local tailors.

Heaviest damages were suffered by Aromen, Nanking Road tailor shop, where strikers poured ink on new suits ordered by customers. Estimated damage in this shop was C.N.\$10,000,000.

Five tailors arrested by the police were hailed out by their labour union.—Associated Press.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

SUNDAY, 23rd JUNE.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.
MONDAY, 24th JUNE.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Kwongchow-wan (Tai Wing Sing) 10.00 a.m.
Cebu and Iloilo (Aberdeen Victory) 10.00 a.m.
Kongmoon (Nam Fung) 9.00 a.m.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via London (Glenogly) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.
Bangkok (Empire Tavoy) 10.00 a.m.
Amoy and Swatow (Anhui) Noon.

Shanghai (Tsinan) noon.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Cairo, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Saigon (Malacca) 3.00 p.m.
Shanghai (Silver Elm) 3.00 p.m.
Kwongchow-wan (Toishan) 4.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 25th JUNE.
Haiphong (Iris) 10.00 a.m.
Amoy (Barbara C) 10.00 a.m.
Java via Macassar (Laomedon) 10.00 a.m.
Poochow (Mako) 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via London (Otranto) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Mindoro) 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Pan American Victory) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Resolute) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.
Saigon (Helicon) Noon.
Straits (Ninghai) 1.00 p.m.
Canton (Kwong Tung) 4.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Formosa (Hoi Shew) 10.00 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, L.C. (Samard) (Parcels) 11.30 a.m. (Reg.) 11.45 a.m. (Ord.) Noon.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool (Adriatic) (Parcels) 12.30 p.m. (Reg.) 12.45 p.m. (Ord.) 1.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Canton (Patsan) 4.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 27th JUNE.
Straits and Calcutta (Empire Perlia) 10.00 a.m.
Bangkok (Kweiyang) Noon.
FRIDAY, 28th JUNE.
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, L.C. (King Alfred) (Parcels) 9.30 a.m. (Reg.) 9.45 a.m. (Ord.) 10.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Ji-Sang) Noon.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Cairo, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

APPLICATION TO PRESUME DEATH DURING ATTACK ON COLONY

Repatriation Of Chinese

Shanghai, June 22. Chinese who returned to China during the war from Burma, Malaya and Indo-China, are being assisted to return to their overseas homes by the Chinese Government and UNRRA.

While UNRRA has undertaken to send them out of the China border free of charge, the Government has agreed to grant a subsidy of U.S.\$300 to each refugee.

Mr. Chou Chi-kang, Vice-Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission has petitioned the Executive Yuan (Cabinet) for a subsidy of US\$2,600,000 to repatriate overseas Chinese education.

Recently the Government decided to grant loans totalling US\$50,000,000 to assist overseas Chinese to rehabilitate their businesses.—Reuter.

Gate-Crashers In Shanghai

Shanghai, June 22. Chinese sailors attempting to gate-crash the Nanking Theatre smashed two plate-glass doors, hit an usher with a thick metallic case wrapped in cloth, brought out police, gendarmes, army, navy and volunteer patrols, but failed to stop the show.

One of several incidents where servicemen have tried to see movies "on the house," the fracas ended with none arrested.

A better-tempered group of 23 military men walked into the Cathay Theatre the same day, demanding to see a free show, informed by the manager that a free show for their benefit would be held the following day, one of the men slapped the manager and they all walked away.—Associated Press.

CARGO PILFERING IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, June 22. Importers said that the pilfering from cargoes long the Shanghai waterfront has risen to losses of several hundred million Chinese national dollars monthly.

One London Insurance office has notified its Shanghai branch company to raise the premium on pilferages to five per cent. The rewar rate was one-fourth of one per cent.

Importers urge the employment of Russian rather than Chinese watchmen for warehouses. The switch improved conditions at Tientsin, they said.—Associated Press.

NEW SHARE ISSUE

New York, June 22. The American Telephone and Telegraph company filed with the Federal Securities Exchange Commission today a registration statement covering proposed \$125,000,000 debenture issue.

The move was described as the largest single piece of financing as opposed to refunding since Pearl Harbour day. The company said the proposed issues of 40 year debentures is a step in providing capital for a \$2,000,000 postwar improvement expansion programme.—Associated Press.

COMPENSATION FOR CHINA

Shanghai, June 22. China has asked the Allied authorities in Japan for the immediate allocation of part of Japanese industrial equipment as reparations, in order to meet the economic rehabilitation needs of the country.

It is learned that the necessary preparations for the utilization of the expected equipment, including selection of technical personnel, have already been made by appropriate departments of the Chinese government.—Reuter.

GENDARMES FOR JAPAN

Shanghai, June 22. A company of 200 Chinese gendarmes, all veterans of campaigns in India and Burma, will take part soon in policing work in Japan.

Belonging to the 23rd Division of the Independent Gendarmerie which assisted Allied forces in India and Burma, the men will leave as soon as shipping facilities are available.—Reuter.

An application to presume the death of Alfred Joseph Walters, missing since Dec. 17, 1941, was granted by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, at the Supreme Court yesterday to Emeline Walters, his wife.

Mrs. Emeline Walters, Group Warden in the Air Raid Precaution Department during hostilities, attached to District Headquarters, District "D" Upper Level at 45, Robinson Road, said that on Dec. 14, 1941, her husband, who was Chief Engineer of the "Kau Tung," telephoned her that his ship had been scuttled, that he could come home to sleep and had joined the Auxiliary Transport Service.

Although she was sleeping at A.R.P. Headquarters, she went home for meals and saw her husband from time to time between Dec. 14 and 16, 1941.

On the evening of Dec. 16, her husband told her that he had to leave early next morning to go to his post. This was the last time she saw him.

He had left the house at about 8.30 a.m. He did not come home that evening and as a result, she and her family began to get worried.

On the following morning (Dec. 18), she telephoned the A.T.S. but no-one there could give her any satisfaction. She also telephoned friends, including Dr. Selwyn-Clarke in case they had seen him in town. No-one could give her any information.

Some days later, Hong Kong fell to the Japanese, who put the Europeans in different Chinese hotels. She went from hotel to hotel to see if anyone interned had seen her husband, with no result.

A Wounded Man

Then, as a result of information that Mrs. C. L. Bagram had nursed a man answering the description of her husband at the First Aid Post in Wah Yan College, she went to see Mrs. Bagram, who confirmed that she had nursed a man on Dec. 17 with a ration card and diary bearing the name of A. J. Walters. Mrs. Bagram told her that the man succumbed to his injuries.

On Jan. 24, 1942, she said, she obtained a statutory declaration to this effect by Mrs. Bagram before Mr. H. C. Macnamara, J.P., at the University, Mr. Macnamara later died in Stanley.

She went to the two doctors mentioned in the declaration. They corroborated Mrs. Bagram's statement and said that though they could not be sure of the name they would also make a declaration similar to Mrs. Bagram's.

It was then very difficult to find a Justice of the Peace, and as she had a secret hope that the man was not her husband, she did not press the matter.

When the International Red Cross was organized and Red Cross delegates were appointed, she made further enquiries and was told that her husband's name did not appear in any list of internees and that he was missing.

Nine months had passed since peace was declared without news of her husband and she presumed that he must have been killed on or about Dec. 17, 1941.

AMERICAN BASES IN PACIFIC

Washington, June 22. American bases in the Pacific were discussed at the White House today by President Truman and Herbert Evatt, Australian foreign minister, the President said at a press conference.

Evatt will have no further conferences at the state department.

The President also said reparations expert Edwin Bailey who has been in Korea and Manchuria will not return by way of Moscow but probably will go to Germany.—Associated Press.

COTTON FOR JAPAN

New York, June 22. H. W. Rose, coordinator of the American Viscose Corporation and a member of the textile mission to Japan, in a recent speech vigorously defended the proposed shipment of 225,000 short tons of government owned short staple cotton to Japan.

He told the Export Managers' Club the cotton in question has been in government warehouses many years and no American manufacturer has expressed any interest in it.

Transfer Of War Goods To China

Washington, June 20. Details of General George Marshall's recommendation for a sharp reduction and reorganization of the Chinese armed forces as a means to promote peace in the Far East were disclosed by acting Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of War Patterson to the House Foreign Affairs committee.

The proposal would be United States supervised.

Both testified Congress should pass a Bill providing transfer of war goods to China and for the training of Chinese personnel by United States officers.

The Foreign Affairs group is considering the measure.

Acheson said if the bill passed, an American advisory group of 1,000 men will be sent to China to assist in the reorganization.

Where Are Two Million Japs?

Tokyo, June 20. Allied Headquarters still term a mystery the whereabouts of some 2,500,000 Japanese who supposedly were in Russian occupied territory at the end of the war.

General MacArthur's Intelligence Section said recently, that no information had been received from Russian, Chinese or other sources about the Japanese who were believed to have been in Manchuria, from which the Russians have withdrawn, or those located in territory still held by the Russians.

Japanese figures have placed the number of civilians located in Manchuria at about 1,000,000, and the strength of the Japanese Kwangtung Army at between 600,000 and 700,000 men. They also listed 607,000 soldiers, sailors and civilians in North Korea, Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands, all now occupied by Russia.—Associated Press.

Political Committee For S.E. Asia

Singapore, June 22. The establishment of a political committee to consider all questions of foreign and colonial affairs in southeast Asia was announced by the governor-general of the Malay Union and Singapore yesterday.

The committee will consist of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the governor general, and Lord Killearn.

Mr. MacDonald will advise the British Government on questions of colonial policy throughout the area while Lord Killearn will advise Whitehall on foreign policy.

As the work of the committee develops, contact probably will be established with the Australian and New Zealand governments and with other governments concerned with Southeast Asia.

The committee is part of the machinery set up by Mr. MacDonald and other high officials for consideration of policy on the highest level. Other bodies set up were a governors' conference and a defense committee for Southeast Asia.

Mr. MacDonald stated that when Sarawak and British North Borneo become crown colonies they will enter the governor's conference. Thus the policy of all British possessions in Southeast Asia will be coordinated.—Associated Press.

Russians Hanging On To Railways

Tehran, June 21. An official of the Iranian state railways said today that railways in Azerbaijan province still were in the hands of the Russians.

He said his information was based on a report to him by a commission which had gone to Tabriz to take over the lines from Russian authorities. His statement was made 40 days after the date Moscow announced complete evacuation of Azerbaijan.

The official said the commission sent to Tabriz two weeks ago was headed by Khosrov Hedayat.

"The commission waited unsuccessfully for the Soviet commission from Moscow to turn over the railways and equipment," he said. "When it seemed that the delay might continue indefinitely, our representatives were ordered to return."—Associated Press.

Matson Sells Freighters

San Francisco, June 22. The Matson Navigation Company today announced the sale of five pre-war freighters to foreign interests.

They were the Maura Kea, Diamond Head, Walpio and Waima, transferred to Panamanian registry.

The Makua was sold to a Chinese shipping firm.

The ships are from 26 to 28 years old. Matson had 38 cargo vessels when the war started. Of these 11 were lost and 13 were sold.

The company, which now has a fleet of nine vessels, will charter enough ships from the government to inaugurate post-war commercial service between Pacific Coast ports and Hawaii on July 1, pending the purchase of fast modern freighters.—Associated Press.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—U.S. Amaraopora from Kure, R.F.A. Bishopcote from Singapore, S.S. Fort Connolly towing tug St. Aubin from Singapore, U.S.S. Spangler from Shanghai, U.S.S. Perry and S.S. Glenogle from Shanghai.

Scheduled Arrivals
Today:—S.S. J. L. Mack from Singapore and H.D.M.L. 180 from Macao.
Tomorrow:—M/S 180 from Macao.

Departures

Yesterday:—S.S. Promise for Haiphong and S.S. Haiyang for Swatow.
Scheduled Departures
Today:—Nil.
Tomorrow:—S.S. Priam for Sydney and S.S. Empire Tavoy for Vancouver.

"NO FREEDOM" IN CHINA

Nanking, June 22. Madame Chou En-lai, wife of China's chief Communist negotiator, has been formally denied a Government passport to participate in the Paris conference of the World Women's Democratic Association. She cabled the Association yesterday: "This proves that the Chinese people have no freedom and democracy, and I am appealing to you."—Associated Press.

Lack Of Faith In Negotiations

Nanking, June 22. A clear factor in China's confused internal situation is the complete lack of faith on both sides. The Committee of the Big Three, which held its first Nanking meeting today, may negotiate some agreements within the extended truce period set by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, but unless the basic distrust shadowing every move and every proposal that the Kuomintang and Communist leaders make be dispelled, the agreements would be worth less than the paper used to write them on.

It is no secret that General Marshall's biggest problem is not getting the signatures of Chou En-lai and General Hsu Yung-chang affixed to some impressive document which, like the January 10 agreement, settles on paper China's internal problem.

The far bigger task is to convince Kuomintang heads (particularly military commanders) that the Communists are not signing with tongues in their cheeks and, vice versa, to persuade the Communists that the Kuomintang are not getting the cover of the negotiations.

Chou En-lai emphasized this spirit in his last press conference, describing the Kuomintang proposals for the distribution of armies in Manchuria as a more prelude to "surrounding our forces so when the time comes they may eliminate them."

Both factions have released daily propaganda sheets in bulk, which accuse their opponents of breaking agreements and violating truces. Both parties alike have built up a psychology of distrust which stands as a formidable barrier in any permanent peace.—Associated Press.

Drama At Belgrade

Belgrade, June 22. Tanasi-Tasa Dinic, former minister of interior in the Nedie Quisling government, admitted collaboration with the Axis during the war and declared dramatically: "I do not want to live after the great crimes I have committed."

Dinic is the second defendant to plead guilty in the trial of General Draga Mihailovitch and others accused of collaboration and working against the partisan during the war.

He admitted advocating that Yugoslavia join the Axis "because I thought at the time it would save my country," and he admitted there was an agreement between the Nedie government and the Nazis for what he termed "an organized plunder" of Jewish property.

He confessed, under questioning, to making pro-Nazi speeches and writing pro-Nazi articles, and said that while he was minister of social policy about 300 Yugoslav workers were deported weekly to work in Germany, but denied any knowledge that prisoners were tortured.—Associated Press.

JET PROPULSION FOR BOATS

London, June 22. Jet propulsion has been applied to an outboard motor. It has been termed "AquaJet."

The manufacturer, R. M. Parkinson, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, said "the boat was simply squirted along by powerful jet of water issuing from a nozzle in its underwater housing."

He added that the 3 h.p. motor "drive a directly submerged axial-flow pump which discharges the water through a rearward facing nozzle."

The motor will run 3½ hours on a gallon of petrol at a speed of 50 to 80 miles an hour, depending on the size. The price is about \$170.—Associated Press.

has been the disappearance of the small Slovak labour party which with two members of parliament has joined the Czech social democrats.—Associated Press.

CONTROL OF JAPAN

London, June 22. America's plan for a four-power control commission for Japan, as part of a 25-year disarmament system, is warmly welcomed in principle by Great Britain, the foreign office said.

A spokesman said that the plan first had been branched at the Foreign Ministers' conference in Paris a month ago. Since then, he continued, Britain had studied drafts of the plan, and had informed the U.S. State Department that it approved in principle.

The final draft was understood to have been received by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, just before his departure to Paris for the current four-power meeting.—Associated Press.

RIOT IN A BULL-RING

Carcena, Venezuela, June 22. One was killed and at least 18 were wounded in a shooting affray which followed the breaking up of a political rally of the rightist Copei Party in Nuvo-circo bull ring.

Two truck-loads of armed soldiers were at the scene to preserve order and one eyewitness said they fired into the air "after which people began to fall." Other sources said civilians fired into the crowd from speeding automobiles.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO PRE-WAR EMPLOYEES OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

1. The War Department has decided to make ex-gratia payments to pre-war employees of the War Department who were interned during the Japanese occupation, or in the case of death of such employees during internment, to their dependents.

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Hong Kong, 20th June, 1946.

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Shipping Hit By Trade Impasse

Washington, June 22.

Shipping is a two-way proposition. You take a cargo to a port, you bring one back. At least, you do if you plan to stay in business.

But countries that need U.S. products can't supply return cargoes because the war disrupted their industries and countries that can supply us with goods often can't buy our manufactures.

That's the dilemma that's keeping U.S. ship owners and the Maritime Commission awake nights. You can't build a thriving merchant marine without trade.

Trade experts forecast that the import-export volume this year will be less than 1939, but they look for an upswing in 1947 or 1948 as reconversion problems here and abroad are gradually mastered.

Shipping men think the only really good market right now is South America.

Before the war America's main exports were cotton, petroleum, iron and steel products, machinery and automobiles. Almost one-half of the U.S. total of three billion dollars of export trade in 1939 was with Britain, Canada, Japan and France (in that order). Japan formerly took 75 per cent of U.S. Pacific exports, but now she is a poor prospect.

Import Trade Reduced

The United States imported coffee, sugar, rubber, silk and paper in huge quantities, but sugar, rubber and silk are not plentiful now. Not quite half of America's \$2,300,000,000 imports came from Canada, Japan, Britain, British Malaya, Cuba and Brazil.

Even coastwise shipping, which before the war represented 70 per cent of U.S. merchant service, is having trouble starting up after its wartime suspension. The Maritime Commission

BRIDGE NOTES

When an expert gets bad results with a poor partner, it may seem that the poor player is at fault—but it is usually the expert's fault just the same. Proper handling would have produced better results. For example:

South Dealer
 Neither side vulnerable
 B. K
 H. 973
 D. K 2
 C. Q J 10 9 8 7 2

B. J 6 4
 H. 10 8 5 4
 D. 8 7 3
 C. K 6 3

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 W
 E
 S

B. A Q 8 6 2
 H. A Q J
 D. Q J 5 4
 C. A

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1S Pass 2C Pass
 3NT Pass 5C Pass
 6NT Pass Pass
 North was an expert, and South was just an average player. North's jump to five clubs—night be a sound bid if South were an expert, but North should have recognized his partner's limitations. If he had thought about it, he would have realized that South would automatically bid five no-trump.

North might have elected to pass at three no-trump and allow his partner to play the hand at a not unreasonable contract. But if North wanted to play the hand at exactly five clubs, he chose the wrong road to that object. A good "handler" would bid only four clubs, knowing that South would automatically bid four no-trump. Then North would bid five clubs and South would surely understand the warning and would pass.

Five clubs, of course, cannot be defeated; and five no-trump is a very unsound contract. Correct psychology would have enabled North to steer the bidding to the right contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

H 7
 D Q J 5 4
 C K 8 3

The bidding:
 Jacoby Schenken, Males You
 1NT Du. 2H (1)
 ANSWER: Bid two spades.

Partner's double shows a strong hand; and game is likely if he has support for spades. If he lacks spade support, you are ready for any other suit he names.

Score 100 per cent for two spades, 30 per cent for pass.

Question

Today you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

A 10 7 5 2
 H J 8
 D A 9 8
 C J 9 4

The bidding:
 Jacoby Schenken You Males
 1D Pass (1)
 What do you bid? (Answer Tomorrow)

BENGUET OFFER

New York, June 22.
 Allen and Company, investment dealers, offered the public 702,302 shares of capital stock in the Benguet Consolidated Mining Company of Manila at \$3.00 per share.—Associated Press.

U.S. Trade May Be Reduced

New York, June 22.

The volume of America's foreign trade may be reduced in a few years, if the present international political trends continue, Clinton Davidson, President of the Management Planning Incorporated said today.

He added that the de-industrialization of Germany and Japan can slice the United States' potential markets since America's trade has always been greater with industrialized than with agricultural nations.

Citing England's domination in Malaya to prohibit the smelting of Malaya tin, Davidson said that similar trade restrictions may be expected in countries dominated by Russia in the future. Davidson said that if foreign trade declines, agricultural prices in the United States may ultimately be reduced to the detriment of the American farmer's standard of living.—Associated Press.

GRAIN PRICES

Chicago, June 21.

Some oats deliveries broke away from ceilings at times but there was sustained selling pressure in the grain market.

Losses were recovered later with prices back to the maximum. Harvesting of winter wheat was reportedly making excellent progress.

Final prices at ceilings were:
 Corn \$1.46½, Barley 1.35½, Oats .88.

Winnipeg:—July \$3.04½; Oats: July .51½; Barley: July .64½.—Associated Press.

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LOAN DEBATE DELAYED

Washington, June 22.

The speaker, Mr. Sam Rayburn, said today that the opening of the debate on the British loan in the House of Representatives would probably be delayed until the first week in July.

Consideration of the loan had been expected to begin on Monday. Mr. Rayburn said the delay was necessary because of the pressure of appropriation legislation.—Associated Press.

CHINESE GOVT. SHIP PURCHASE

San Diego, June 22.

The purchase by the Chinese Government of the 1,342-ton steam schooner, Ryder Hanif, was announced here today. The vessel was owned by the J. R. Hanif Co., San Francisco.

The vessel is scheduled to leave San Diego soon for Hong Kong. The Chinese Government intends to use the ship in general trade between China and Formosa.—Associated Press.

STOCKS RECOVER

New York, June 21.

Stocks today recovered much of Wednesday's losses, closing irregularly higher.

Many steel, railroad, automobile and rubber issues gained \$1.00 to \$3.00 a share.

Chemical, metal, petroleum and utility share prices were irregularly lower.—Associated Press.

Minneapolis, June 21.

Flour and Flax unchanged.—Associated Press.

Britain's Wheat Stocks May Be Decreased

Liverpool, June 22.

Britain's vital wheat stocks, for which she is largely dependent upon Canada's seaboard supplies, may be considerably decreased, because of the strikes halting clearance from the Great Lakes and because of the possibility that Canada's stocks are anyway insufficient to meet this country's demands, the British trade journal, "Corn Trade News," said in an article today.

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, who is now in Washington, may be relying on the United States to replace the 200,000 tons of Canadian wheat which Britain sacrificed in April, the article continued. The United States should be able to ship a new crop of wheat late in July, or early in August.

All importing countries are anxiously hoping that the final result of the United States harvest will enable some increase in the Washington official export target of only 250,000 bushels for next season, compared with nearly 400,000 bushels this season.

Mr. Strachey has disclosed, the article continued, that United States wheat would at present cost Britain 112/6d per 480 pounds.

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DARK CLOUD HANGS OVER ITALY

(By Cecil Spriggs)

Rome, June 22.
With reports from Paris pointing to a possible Allied agreement upon what Italians fear to be disastrous peace terms for Italy, a dark cloud hangs over the first days of the Republic's existence and threatens a storm when the Government automatically resigns in the middle of next week.

Pandit Nehru Released

New Delhi, June 22.
British military circles here were informed today by the Kashmir Government that Pandit Nehru had been released from his two-day imprisonment there. The report also said that troops have been withdrawn from the town of Domic in Kashmir state.
Officials here said they had no definite information on the Kashmir Government's action, but were told that road traffic to Srinagar, where Nehru was proceeding, was still closed.
Nehru was arrested after defying a ban forbidding his entrance into Kashmir. — Associated Press.

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2.30 p.m. — Chase Down.
3.30 p.m. — The Grand, the Dance Band & Me with Sam Brown (theatrical).
7.30 p.m. — Variety.
8.00 p.m. — London Relay News.
8.15 p.m. — "We Play For You" Patricia Lushborough (Piano).
8.30 p.m. — "Music at the Ball."
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9.00 p.m. — "Songs We Love."
9.15 p.m. — Z.B.W. "From" No. 21.
9.30 p.m. — "The Grand, the Dance Band & Me with Sam Brown (theatrical)."
9.45 p.m. — "The Grand, the Dance Band & Me with Sam Brown (theatrical)."
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Gala Opening Of Bathing Pavilion

The Chung Shing Bathing Pavilion was crowded to capacity yesterday afternoon for its Gala Opening.
The proceedings started with the playing of the Chinese National Anthem by the Chung Shing Band, after which the Will of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen was read. Speeches were then delivered and after a long string of firecrackers had been discharged, a group photograph was taken.
Exhibitions of fancy diving were given, followed by two Water Polo games.
In the first game between Chung Shing "B" and H.M.S. "Aorangi", the Chung Shing team won by 5 goals to nil.
The game which followed was played between Chung Shing "A" and H.M.S. "Tamar". Chung Shing "A" ran out easy winners by 8 goals to one.
Teams: Chung Shing "A": Wong Kam To, Wm. Chu, Cheung Wai Kwong, Wong Kam Chuen, Wing Ping Kee, Fung Kwai Sang and Chung So Che. "Aorangi": Oakley, Evans, Loxley, Wild, Thomas and Graves.
Chung Shing "A":—Tong Shiu Fai, Chan Sik Pui, Sung Fu Tak, Kong Cheuk Chow, Cheung Chun Yew, Fok Tak Ki and Yiu Hong Sui. "Tamar":—Sparrow, Lee, Trower, Foxwell, Johnston, Burnett and Davies.
Goal scorers were: Chung Shing "B": Wong Kam Chuen (2), Wong Ping Kee (3), Chung Shing "A": Kong Cheuk Chow (1), Cheung Chung Yew (3), Yiu Hong Sui (4). "Tamar": Foxwell (1).

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Jerusalem, June 22.
An unconfirmed report from Tel Aviv says that an illegal immigrant ship carrying 800 Jews intercepted inside Palestine territorial waters today by British destroyers. The name of the ship was not disclosed but last Wednesday Router reported from Rome that the Panama ship "Beauharnois" cut her cables and sailed from the little port of Vado, in the Gulf of Genoa, in defiance of Italian orders, with nearly 1,800 illegal Jewish refugees on board. All touch was later lost with the "Beauharnois". — Reuter.

India All Out For 200 At Lords

Lords Cricket Ground, London, June 22.
England and India began their Test Match of the season here today in beautiful weather. India won the toss and decided to bat first. Walter Hammond, the English skipper spun the coin and the Nawab of Pataudi, the Indian captain, ordered his men the moment the coin dropped in his favour.
Bright sunshine—a rarity on the Indian's tour—favoured the occasion as the opening Indian batsmen, Merchant and Mankad, left the pavilion to the applause of 25,000 spectators packed densely into the stands and round the boundaries.

Part of the crowd which filled the ground to capacity had started to muster at the gates from an early hour. Everyone carried raincoats, showing little faith in the summer sky after weeks of wet weather have already made the season one of the rainiest of the century.

Played opened on a trim immaculate wicket with the surrounding ground in perfect condition despite its recent heavy soakings. There was every indication, however, that the state of the wicket would, with wear, favour spin bowlers and the last-minute selection of the Indian side reflected this opinion. Banerjee, the fastest bowler among the Indian tourists, was omitted, as well as Sarwate, much to the surprise of many people. Sarwate celebrated his birthday watching from the pavilion.

The teams are:
India: Nawab of Pataudi (captain), V. M. Merchant, L. Amarnath, F. S. Modi, S. C. Shinde, C. H. Nayudu, V. S. Hazare, V. Mankad, Abdul Hafeez, Gul Mahomed and D. D. Hindlekar (wicket-keeper), Sohoni.
England: Walter Hammond (captain), L. Hutton, J. Hardstaff, J. Kinn, D. V. P. Wright, D. Compton, C. Smiles, A. Washbrook, A. V. Bedser, W. Bowes, P. A. Gibbs (wicket-keeper).

The Indians opened slowly to the bowling of Bowes, the tall-Yorkshireman, and Bedser, of Surrey. Only 14 runs came in the first half hour and Mankad took a quarter of an hour to break his "duck". Merchant sent the first ball of the game from Bowes to the on-side for two, and in the next over from Bowes took another two and turned him to leg for a single to score the first five runs of the match while Mankad had done no more than survive a leg-before-wicket appeal from Bedser's first over.

One Down For 15
Merchant was 12 when he suddenly lost his wicket and India were one wicket down for only 15 runs. The brilliant Indian vice-captain, whose batting has been near-classic all the tour so far, attempted a glance off one of Bedser's deliveries and was neatly taken behind the wicket on the leg side by the English wicket-keeper Gibbs.
Another shock to India swiftly followed. Amarnath, who came in first wicket down following Merchant was playing a purely defensive stroke to Bedser in the second over of his innings when he was out leg before wicket for a "duck" and India were two wickets down for 15.

At this point Bedser's figures were 6.1 overs, four maidens, four runs, two wickets.
Hazare then joined Mankad. Bedser's inswingers and splendid length had by taking two quick wickets gone far to neutralising India's advantage in winning the toss.

Leg-Traps
Bowes, bowling towards the Nursery End, now brought in three short leg traps but Hazare placed one through the trap for the first boundary of the 46-minute-old game.
Mankad had in all this time made only two runs when he narrowly escaped being caught and bowled during Bedser's fourth successive over. The ball went low, just wide of the bowler's right hand.
Hazare then took a single in a leg glance off Bedser's next over, making the total 24 in 50 minutes play. At this point Smiles replaced his Yorkshire Club-mate Bowes with the ball. Bowes was rested after 10 overs

for fifteen runs without a wicket.
Smiles' opening over was expensive. Mankad square-cut his first ball for four and pushed a no-ball to the boundary, taking 10 to 11 runs from the over in a sudden aggressive burst after nearly an hour for his first two singles.
Bedser followed with a maiden and Hazare, having survived an l.b.w. appeal in Smiles' over, hit a full toss hard to the off, trying for four, but Washbrook, the star Lancashire batsman, fielded it brilliantly at cover.
Bedser was next relieved at the Nursery end by the Kent goody expert Wright after bowling 10 over, including seven maidens for five runs and two wickets in an hour's spell.
With the change of bowlers, run-getting slowed down even more till Hazare pulled Smiles for a superb four. India lost her third wicket in the next over. Mankad reached forward to a good length ball from Wright and was bowled on the off stump. Mankad hit 14 since opening the innings with Merchant 75 minutes previously and the total was now 44 for three wickets, with Hazare 15 not out and three extras.

50 in 80 Minutes
Bowes now resumed again instead of Smiles, who had rested him. Hazare immediately off-drove Bowes for four, sending up India's first 50 in 80 minutes.
Wright, still on the other end, set a close field for Modi with two short legs, a silly point and two slips, and worried both batsmen with a fine over. Hazare seemed more comfortable against Bowes and flushed a hard one through the overs for four.
The spectators, who were now estimated to be near 30,000, of whom half had paid at the gate before lunch and brought a picnic lunch, applauded every run, or when there was one. Wright bowled maiden after maiden. When Hazare was 26, Modi had only three, the total then being 58 for three.

Modi survived some narrow escapes before he scored by pushing Wright through his elaborate leg trap for a single. At 59, Bedser came back, this time replacing Bowes at the Pavilion end. A single brought Modi back to face Wright again. Gaining confidence Modi square-cut the Kent bowler gloriously for four and Hazare, in the next over, drove Bedser for four, all run. He survived an appeal for a catch behind the wicket the same over.
The total had now been sent to 70, but after Modi had collected another four runs, Hazare was clean bowled by Bedser for 31, out of a total of 74.
Pataudi, the Indian captain, then came to the wicket, applauded all the way from the pavilion. He raised his cap in acknowledgement. He just had time to score a single when lunch was taken at 75 for four. Modi was 14 not out, Pataudi 1 not out and Gibbs had still no more than three extras against him behind the wicket.
Pataudi Caught
Resuming the innings after lunch, Pataudi seemed quite at ease on the ground where he once scored 288 not out in a University match 15 years ago, but 11 runs after the interval he was out. He tried to push the ball from Bedser to the on, and was caught low at short leg by him. This meant half the side was out in 180 minutes for 85. In 16 overs Bedser

CRICKET SCORES

London, June 21.
Close of play scores in today's cricket matches were:

At the Oval: Derbyshire 147 and 185 for 5 declared (Smith 51). Surrey 150 for seven declared and 179 for eight (Fletcher 77, Squires 51, Gladwin four for 79). Match drawn.
At Gloucester: Gloucestershire 140 for nine declared (Barnett 63, Mills six for 38) beat Cambridge University 100 and 34. (Cook five for 24, Cranfield five for nine) by an innings and six runs.
At Portsmouth, Northamptonshire 177 and 16 for two. Hampshire 118 (Merritt six for 44). Match drawn.
At Gravesend: Kent 393 for nine declared, beat Warwickshire 176 (Wright five for 74) and 114 (Davies four for 16) by an innings and 103 runs.
At Barwell: Lancashire 118 and 147 for two declared (Ikin not out 53) beat Leicestershire 55 and 126 (Tomkins 56, Garlick five for 35) by 84 runs.
At Nottingham: Sussex 179 and 276 for seven declared (Parks 92). Nottinghamshire 293 for four declared and 110 for two (Keeton 77, Hardstaff not out 51). Match drawn.
At Worcester: Worcestershire 326 and 94 for four declared (Palmer 51) beat R.A.F. 183 and 192 (Oakley five for 64) by 45 runs. — Reuter.

SCHMELING'S PREDICTION

Hamburg, June 22.
Max Schmeling, former world's heavy-weight champion, behind prison bars here, made a prediction about the Louis-Corn fight which came true.
The former heavy-weight champion is now serving a three month sentence for violating the British military government decree in trying to build a two-room house for himself and his Czech actress wife, Anny Ondra.
He said last month that he expected Louis to knock out Corn in between the seventh and ninth rounds. — Associated Press.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

The following will represent 2706 Squadron (R.A.F. Regiment) against South China, this afternoon at Soekunpo, at 5.30 p.m.
Alexander, Pritchard and Grey; Bamford, Blackadder and Marsden; Taylor, Campbell, Brown, Hanlon and Firman.
Reserve: Conner.

TODAY'S SWIMMING

The swimming championship in aid of the St. Dunstan's fund and Chinese charities will be held this afternoon at the Lady's Park Club.
The Bathing Beauty contest will be held later in the afternoon.

had taken four wickets for 15.
One run later, Gul Mahomed, the left-hander, was beaten by one of Wright's breaks and the total was 87 for six. Modi was not out 15.
Hafeez then joined Modi for a stand. Another left-hander, he did not seem worried and at once hit Wright hard to the leg boundary. He helped himself to 11 in one over and sent 100 up in 140 minutes.
Hammond substituted Bowes for Wright at 108 and a new ball was called for at 114. Hafeez drove a long hop from Bowes for four, making the best wicket partnership of the innings with 50 in 45 minutes. The pair had put on 57 in 50 minutes when Hafeez was bowled by Bowes, who then had his first wicket of the innings. Hafeez made 43, including seven fours.
Modi remained on the defensive after taking 75 minutes to add 10 runs, but next lost Hindlekar at 147. Hindlekar with three, was Bedser's fifth victim. Total 147 for eight. Gibbs neatly attacked Modi next when he jumped out to Bedser and missed one, from the medium-fast Surrey man. Nayudu was four.
Shinde, last man in, joined Modi and the final wicket, adding 43 runs in 25 minutes, worked the score up to 200. Bedser bowled Shinde for 10, ending India's first innings. Modi was not out 87. Extras were 10. Bedser took seven Indian wickets for 49 runs in a brilliant display. — Reuter.

PAIS A RED-HOT FAVOURITE

London, June 21.
The all Australian semi-final between Dinny Pails and Geoffrey Brown in London in the grass-court tennis championships at Queen's Club, brought the best tennis seen in Britain this year, leaving Pails to meet Pancho Segura of Ecuador.

In view of a walk-over, Segura had no semi-final as he practised on the adjoining court while the Australians battled.

"I am not worrying. I always let the other fellow do that," said Segura.
Pails is a red hot favourite for the Wimbledon title next week and he showed himself a complete tennis player against Brown, whose two-handed play never worried him.
Pails quelled his rival's service, which paved the way to his victory. Brown tried four smashes in the first set but failed with each and though sometimes scoring with a lightning forehand drive which streaked just inside the sidelines, and deceptive drops, there was never enough of a drive to beat Pails.

U.S. Triumph

The women's singles were monopolised by Americans and the final between Pauline Betz and Margaret Osborne is according to plan, though Miss Osborne had a hard battle before winning her three-setter against Louise Brough.
The semi-final results today were:—Men's Singles. Dinny Pails beat Geoffrey Brown, 6-4, 6-4. Segura walked over John Kramer whose game was scratched. Women's Singles. Pauline Betz beat Doris Martin, 6-1, 6-3. Margaret Osborne beat Louise Brough 7-9, 6-4, 7-5. — Reuter.

Blistered Hand

London, June 22.
The withdrawal of Jack Kramer, the United States Davis Cupper from the London Grass Courts Tennis Tournament, sent Pancho Segura of Ecuador into the finals against the winner of the match between Dinny Pails and Geoff Brown, both Australian.
Kramer developed a stubborn blister on his right hand and withdrew to await the Wimbledon meet.
The four members of the United States Wightman Cup team advanced to the women's semi-finals, assuring an all-American wind-up. — Associated Press.

BURKE STILL CHAMPION

Dublin, June 22.
John Burke retained his title of Irish Native Amateur Gold Champion when, in 36 holes final at Dollymount Course, near Dublin, he beat Cecil Ewing by two and one.
Both men are former British Walker Cup players and Ewing was runner-up in the British Amateur title in 1937. He led Burke by one hole at the end of the first round, but Burke several times caught up again and played splendidly afterwards, and with a score of 69 for seventeen holes in the afternoon, he won a keen battle. — Reuter.

MORE FRENCH WINS

London, June 22.
French horses continued their winning streak at Ascot today when Marmys won the Queen Alexandra stakes.
Urgay was second with Rising Light third.
This followed France's triumph yesterday supplying the first three horses in the Ascot Gold Cup.
Five ran in the Queen Alexandra stakes. Marmys starting at 1 to 2 and Urgay, 4 to 1, are both owned and trained in France.
Rising Light was 10 to 1. — Reuter.

H.K. BASEBALL

Three home runs, two by D. Leonard and the other by Chamber, featured the return baseball game between U.S.S. Broxmerton and the Local team yesterday when the locals won by 14-13 after an extra inning.
Outstanding players in the game, in addition to the above, were T. Alves and Gerry Gosano for the locals and Baches and Farquar for the losers.

Harman Beats Tsui Wai-pui

Hong Kong's perennial tennis champions, the Tsui brothers, did will on the Hong Kong Cricket Club court yesterday to capture the match against P. Harman and Paul Kong by the odd win in five.

The standard of tennis was fairly high, though the Colony Champion, Tsui Wai-pui, seemed to lack his usual fighting spirit. He went down to Harman, 6-3, 6-4.

The older Tsui faced an opponent who had more court craft and a more confident stroke. Tsui, however, had a better variety of the latter and was more spectacular. Harman played in the spirit of an old campaigner used to being eliminated at some stage of a tournament but willing to fight until he was.

The first match of the afternoon was the Tsui Yan-pui — Paul Kong encounter which the younger Tsui took in his stride, winning more on errors than on court-craft. Kong did not appear to be taking the match very seriously, but rallied in the second set after losing the first to love.

Kong won the second, third and fourth games in the second set to lead 3-1 and still held the lead at 4-2 but then lost the last four games in a row.
The next encounter kept the crowd guessing as to who would emerge the winner. Tsui Wai-pui, who has lost a bare handful of games in local tournament tennis, was the favourite on paper despite Harman's fairly easy victory over the younger Tsui the previous afternoon.

Harman appeared to be underestimating his opponent. He was down 3-1 after four games and was double-faulting and foot-faulting. He was, however, superior in court craft and Tsui let himself down by playing to the American's better strokes.
Harman won the fifth and sixth games after a long struggle. Tsui seemed to warm up to the game. It was but a momentary lull, however, and the Colony Champion lost the next three games and set. Harman won the last game of the set despite two double-faults.

More Erratic

In the second set it was apparent that both were tiring and exchanges became more erratic. Harman led 5-2 at one stage and was within set-point, but Tsui returned doggedly to the battle to take the next two games. He then went to pieces to give the game to Harman.
The doubles was an exhibition of more spectacular play on the part of Harman and Kong. It took the Tsui 16 games to win the first set. The second was easier at 6-2.

The match was played in aid of the St. Dunstan fund and the Chinese Recreation Club Rehabilitation Fund. There was a fair, though not a big, attendance and the rally of a case of Carlsberg Beer donated by Mr. Szeto Bick brought an excellent response.
"An after-thought" left by the match is that in Harman the Colony has now a player of the first rank but that it would take a half-dozen players of his standard to raise the level of Hong Kong tennis.

Results were:—
Tsui Wai-pui beat Paul Kong 6-1, 6-0.
P. Harman beat Tsui Yan-pui 6-2, 6-0.
Tsui Yan-pui beat Paul Kong 6-0, 6-4.
P. Harman beat Tsui Wai-pui 6-0, 6-4.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat P. Harman and Paul Kong 6-7, 6-2.

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